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Dear Alan:

Receipt of your 5 December 1948 letter is acknowledged.

I am indeed very grateful to Art Keller for his valuable services to FBIS and I had hoped that some way we could plan a future for him so as not to lose his services. At the moment I must admit that I do not know just what this future in an administrative capacity would be. Nevertheless, I would be most reluctant to release Keller until all details of closing the Cairo station are fully and finally settled. Despite the fact that he would not leave the agency, the operation to which he would be transferred is so separate and independent from the rest of the agency that we would lose absolute control of his services and could not depend to any degree, however slight, on his handling FBIS business subsequent to his transfer. If this job is still open when all details of closing the Cairo station are settled, I should be glad to reconsider this proposition.

Sincerely,

L. K. White

Alan: Bryant does not belong to O/O -- assume this was typographical error. O/O has no jurisdiction - hence my attitude.

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